Opening of Taj Mahal during night

245. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to keep the Taj Mahal open even during the night;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the approval of the Supreme Court has since been obtained for this purpose; and

(d) by when the visitors would be allowed to see the Taj Mahal even during night and what arrangements have been made for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

Funds for eco-friendly tourism projects in Andhra Pradesh

246. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prioritised eco-friendly tourism projects of Andhra Pradesh in consultation with the State Government;

(b) if so, the project-wise details thereof; and

(c) the funds earmarked for each of these projects of the State?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Central Department of Tourism sanctions the Central financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations under the following schemes:—

(1) Integrated development of travel circuits

(2) Product Infrastructure & Destination development